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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR U.S. INSTRUCTORS FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
COURSES IN SINGAPORE

1. EMBOFF HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, SIM KEE BOON, WITH INFORMAL REQUEST
FOR USG ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING INSTRUCTORS FOR TRAINING
ADDITIONAL AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PERSONNEL IN SINGAPORE. PERMSEC
STATED THAT GOS URGENTLY NEEDS THREE INSTRUCTORS FOR A PERIOD
OF 1 1/2-2 YEARS.

2. IN AN EARLIER CONVERSATION, AN OPERATIONS OFFICER IN THE GOS
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (DCA) SAID THAT DCA HAD ALREADY
CONSIDERED ASSISTANCE FROM ICAO BUT THAT IT WOULD TAKE TOO
MUCH TIME TO OBTAIN INSTRUCTORS FROM THAT SOURCE. HE SAID
DCA IS CURRENTLY FACED WITH A SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER IN WHICH ALL
THEIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS ARE NEEDED FOR OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.
THEREFORE, DCA WISHES TO FIND OUT IF THE USG COULD PROVIDE
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS AS INSTRUCTORS UNDER AID OR OTHER
FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO THIS
REQUEST, BUT WOULD BE HARD PUT TO RECOMMEND FAVORABLE
CONSIDERATION UNDER ANY U.S. FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR
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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. GOS CERTAINLY HAS NECESSARY RESOURCES TO

PAY FOR ANY SERVICES THAT USG MIGHT OFFER. DOES FAA HAVE A PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING INSTRUCTORS OR FOR TRAINING AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS IN THE U.S. OR ABROAD WHICH IS ON COST REIMBURSABLE BASIS?

4. EMBASSY WILL TRY TO GET MORE DETAILS ON THIS REQUEST BUT WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY INDICATION OF OUR RESPONSE BEFORE REQUEST REACHES ADVANCED STAGE. PLEASE ADVISE. HOLDRIDGE

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